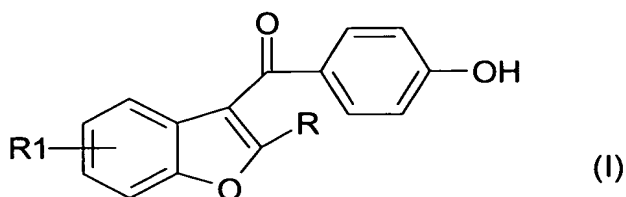


**ABSTRACT**

Process for the preparation of a 2-(n-alkyl)-3-(4-hydroxybenzoyl)benzofuran of formula (I)

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in which R represents a linear or branched alkyl radical including from 1 to 5 carbon atoms and R<sub>1</sub> represents a linear or branched alkyl radical including from 1 to 3 carbon atoms, a linear or branched alkoxy radical including from 1 to 3 carbon atoms, a halogen atom or a nitro radical, and intermediates.

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